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LONDON, ONTARIO, TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 1908.

PRICE ONE CENT.

SERBIA PREPARES ONE BAND THAT FOR ELECTIONS DIDN'T PERFORM

Provisional Government Postpones All Legislation

UNTIL NEW SKUPSTINA SITS SEVERELY SCORED BY COLONEL

It is Expected There Will Be a Considerable Increase in the Radicals.

Belgrade, June 30.—At the meeting of the Skupstina today, Premier Avakumovic read a ukase closing the session specially summoned by the provisional government, June 11.

After reading the ukase the Premier thanked the Skupstina in behalf of the Government for the election of King Peter, and added that the Government had concluded that it was better to postpone all legislation until the new Skupstina was elected.

The Government to see that the elections were carried out with perfect freedom, so that the result may truly represent public opinion.

The elections are expected to take place in the middle of September, and will doubtless result in a considerable increase in the number of extreme radicals in the House.

The King has already promised that the new cabinet shall be composed in accordance with the results of the elections.

FORTY FEET LONG

The Sea Serpent Turns Up on Lake Huron.

Southampton, June 30.—Sunday some persons were walking along the beach a short distance from here when their attention was attracted to a veritable monster of the deep, which was plainly to be seen near the shore, twisting and squirming, and again passing swiftly along.

The monster, evidently fully enjoying the cool and limpid waters of Lake Huron, the story is vouched for by responsible persons, who say the reptile was at least 40 feet in length.

WOMEN AGAIN

Court on Carling Street Once More Occupied by Them.

The fair sex were again the prominent figures in the police court today. The magistrate settled one case very quickly. It was that of William Calver vs. Mrs. Annie Pugh. The latter it was alleged entered complainant's house on Ridout street, and assaulted him with a knife. Defendant denied this, and told of how she had been helping and not hurting Mrs. Calver. The complainant had witnesses present, but explained that all he wanted was to have her keep away from his place. This she agreed to do.

Mrs. Mary Ward, her daughter, Miss Lena Ward, and another young woman, Miss Ida Trive, appeared in the court as the outcome of a raid made on their house on Paul street. The women pleaded not guilty to being keeper and inmates respectively of a disorderly house. The chief said he had had the house watched for a week and could bring evidence against them. The last one of the three said she had been in the city but three weeks and knew nothing of the charge. The magistrate remanded them until Thursday morning for trial. Three young men taken in the place denied being frequenters. Their own cognizance was taken.

What Means This?

Pekin, June 30.—The Russian minister, M. Lessar, has been suddenly summoned to a conference with Gen. Kurapatkin, the Russian War Minister, Admiral Alexieff, in command of the Russian fleet in the Pacific; the manager of the Russo-Chinese Bank at Peking, and other officers at Port Arthur, regarding Russian position in Manchuria. M. Lessar leaves here July 1.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS REJECTS EARL RUSSELL'S DIVORCE BILL

The Lord Chancellor Calls It an Insult—Makes Separation Too Easy.

London, June 30.—Earl Russell made valiant but vain attempts to obtain an amendment to the British divorce laws in the House of Lords this week. He moved the reading of a divorce bill which he seemed to have constructed out of his own unimpaired matrimonial experiences—a bill which so far simplifies the law of divorce as to make remedies for an ill-starred union obtainable in cases where husband and wife have ceased to live together for three years.

While the earl delivered his ideas in a long speech the countess for whom he braved the terrors of the law and suffered punishment at the hands of his peers sat in the peeresses' gallery, of which she was that afternoon a solitary occupant.

The lord chancellor responded curtly. He was afraid the noble earl did not understand the gravity of what he was doing. The proposed bill swept away all existing safeguards on the subject of divorce, and the general effect of the measure was to make marriage simply a matter of agreement. He did not think he used language too strong when he said that to propose to deal with

Musicians of the 24th Kent Reduced to the Ranks.

SEVERELY SCORED BY COLONEL

For Appearing in Civilian Clothes and for Several Inopportune Desertions.

Chatham, Ont., June 30.—The Twenty-fourth Kent Regiment has no brass band. The band was 22 strong, and one of the first musical organizations in the service. The band members turned up at parade last night in civilian clothes. Col. Rankin marked them to the orderly room, and after addressing them reduced them to the ranks and took their instruments away. Jealousy of the bugle band is given as the cause of the trouble.

Discontent had been smoldering for some time, but only broke out last week into open revolt. The brass band did not show up Thursday night at parade. Sunday morning 19 of the band turned out for church parade. Six dropped out at the church door to go home and get their breakfast, and three deserted on the march back to the drill shed, and only nine showed up to be dismissed with the rest of the regiment.

Colonel Rankin severely condemned the action of the band and said they were a disgrace to the regiment. The band resented this by appearing last night in civilian clothes. The soldiers cheered the colonel when he announced what he had done. The latter said he would have a good hand when the regiment resumes drill in the fall, no matter what it cost him personally.

DEATH OF ALEX CAVEN

Stratford Collector of Inland Revenue Passes Away.

Stratford, Ont., June 30.—Alex. Caven, collector of inland revenue at this port, died early this morning. Mr. Caven had been failing for a few weeks past, but the immediate cause of death was cancer of the stomach. Mr. Caven was born near Preston, Ont., and came to Stratford in 1856. For some time afterward he engaged in mercantile pursuits.

MORE WHALEN SUSPECTS

Two Men Arrested at Wingham Answer to Description.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Wingham, Ont., June 30.—Thomas Williams, of Port Hope, and Frank Reed (colored) were placed under arrest here last night by Chief Constable Vanorman. The Attorney-General's department recently issued a circular, describing the suspects in the Whalen murder case, and as the appearance of the two men corresponds very closely to this description they have been held pending an investigation.

The pair, who are desperate-looking characters, admitted having broken out of Walkerton jail, where they were serving a thirty-day sentence for assault. They also said they had been up in Grey county. Chief Constable Vanorman has placed his claim for the reward offered by the government, as he believes he has captured the guilty parties. Questioned about the murder of little Gloria Whalen, they denied having any knowledge of it, and appeared very indignant that such a charge should be made against them. A Government detective is expected here tomorrow.

MANNING HEARD FROM

Says There Are No British Officers in Mullah's Camp.

London, June 30.—General Manning, the British commander in Somalia, East Africa, has telegraphed to the war office discrediting the reports that several British officers are prisoners in the Mad Mullah's camp. The general says deserters from the Mullah's forces deny the rumors.

Unusual Honor.

London, June 30.—When the American squadron reaches Portsmouth it will not lie at Spithead, which is the usual place for foreign warships, but it will be brought into Portsmouth harbor itself. Never before has such an honor been paid to a squadron of a foreign power, for it will place the American warships actually within the gates of the empire's chief arsenal.

such a matter in such a way was an insult.

As no one else arose to speak the question was put and the bill thrown out without a single voice being raised in its favor. That of the introducer, Thereson Lord Russell, arose, quitted the House, and Lady Russell departed from the gallery.

Killed By Train.

Brantford, Ont., June 29.—A young woman named Myrtle Lacey was run over by a Grand Trunk train in West Brantford this morning. She was very deaf, and it is supposed did not hear the train. She was killed.

CALEDONIAN GAMES, JULY 1.



"HOOT, MON!"

"SCRAP IRON" CASE IS DISPOSED OF

Appeal Court Hands Out Important Judgment

AS TO PLANT ASSESSMENTS

Companies Which Appealed From Original Decision Cannot Escape Taxation.

Toronto, June 30.—The much-disputed question which arose under the act passed by the Provincial Legislature in the session of 1901 regarding the assessment of a large portion of the plants of various franchise-holding companies, was disposed of yesterday by a judgment handed out by the court of appeal.

The companies thought they saw a loophole in it, and immediately set about to again escape taxation if they could. Their claim was that under it a large portion of the plants could be assessed only as personalty. This view was widely concurred in, and the Provincial Government came in for a great deal of criticism, the charge being that it was in league with the corporations, and that a deceptive act had been passed.

The case went before several different county court judges and boards of assessment. Five cases reached the court of appeal and were dealt with yesterday as follows: Toronto Railway Company vs. City of Toronto, Toronto Electric Light Company vs. City of Toronto, Toronto Incandescent Light Company vs. City of Toronto, Ottawa Electric Light Company vs. City of Ottawa, Ottawa Gas Company vs. City of Ottawa.

The appeals in each case were made by the companies, judgment being previously given against them. The judgment will govern all similar cases in the province.

Chief Justice Moss, in announcing the decision, said: "Under a subsection of a recent act of the Legislature, it was held that the companies involved could claim certain exemptions. The judges before whom the cases were tried held otherwise, and we agree with the construction placed upon the act by those judges. We think that under a proper construction of the act, which is not easy to construe, the claims of the companies are not supported, and that the plants are assessable as 'personalty' by the municipalities. Accordingly, the appeals are all dismissed. The cross-appeals put by the city of Ottawa are also dismissed."

The decision had the concurrence of the full court, including Justices MacLennan, Osler, Garrow and MacLaren. In the case of Toronto, the assessment which the railway company and the two lighting companies, which are practically one, sought to escape, amounted to approximately half a million dollars. This means a taxation of about \$10,000 a year.

In Guelph vs. Guelph Paving Com-

pany, the city sued for \$200 for water used by the defendant, and lost the trial, but succeeds on appeal.

In the Ottawa case, the Banque Provinciale and Carboneau the appeal of the bank was allowed.

In the action of the Ottawa Electric Company vs. Ottawa the appeal was dismissed.

DEATH OF DAN GODFREY

Famous English Bandmaster Passes Away at London.

London, June 30.—Dan Godfrey, the famous bandmaster of the Grenadier Guards, died this morning of paralysis.

GEORGE MEREDITH ILL

The Celebrated English Novelist Has Serious Relapse.

London, June 30.—George Meredith, the novelist, who has been ill for some time, has suffered a relapse and his condition is critical.

CUSTOMS FIGURES FOR FISCAL YEAR

The Total Receipts Show an Increase of \$4,566,868 Over Those of Last Year.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, June 30.—The customs fiscal year ends today. The total receipts are \$36,519,653, an increase of \$4,566,868 over the figures of last year. The receipts for the past month were \$3,573,685, an increase of \$692,471. The total increase for the fiscal year is easily the largest in the history of Canada.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Tuesday, June 30.
Sun rises 4:33 a.m. Moon rises 11:11 a.m.
Sun sets 8:33 p.m. Moon sets 11:29 p.m.
Tomorrow—Mostly Fair and Warm.

Toronto, June 29-30 p.m.
Fair, warm weather has been general today in Canada. Temperatures of 80° have been reported from parts of Ontario and Quebec.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 68-82; Kamloops, 56-74; Calgary, 38-66; Qu'Appelle, 48-74; Winnipeg, 58-76; Port Arthur, 54-62; Parry Sound, 58-78; Toronto, 56-77; Ottawa, 54-75; Montreal, 56-74; Quebec, 52-80; Halifax, 52-70.

Tuesday, June 30-3 a.m.
FORECASTS.

Today and Wednesday—Moderate to fresh south and southwest winds; mostly fair and warm, with local thunder-showers.

Local showers have occurred in Ontario and Quebec, the heaviest being at Ottawa. The general outlook is for somewhat unsettled, but on the whole fair, warm weather. In the Northwest Territories and Manitoba it is likely to be showery and fairly warm during the next few days.

Local temperatures: Monday—Highest, 81°; lowest, 49.5°.

WEATHER NOTES.

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FOUND SAYINGS OF THE SAVIOUR

Interesting Discovery in Old Egyptian Papyrus.

RECORD IN A PERFECT STATE

Many Well-Known Sentences of the New Testament Appear in the Collection.

New York, June 30.—The Sun has the following special from London: The interesting discovery at Oxyrhynchus in 1897 by Messrs. Grenfell and Hunt, of Oxford, of the logia of Christ, and other important papyri, will doubtless be remembered. The results of a brief examination of other papyri discovered by the same men in a second series of excavations fully justify the hopes expressed in 1897, that Oxyrhynchus will prove a richer mine than any other for the recovery of early Christian literature. Two, or perhaps three, more seasons' work will be required to exhaust the more promising portions of the site, the mounds which cover an area surpassed by few ancient Egyptian towns. The most interesting, perhaps, of the discoveries is the second excavations is a third century fragment of a collection of the sayings of Jesus, similar in style to the so-called logia discovered in 1897. The separate sayings, introduced by the words "Jesus saith," are for the most part, unconnected, and, though some which occur in the Gospels, as "The Kingdom of God is written to you and many," and "The first shall be last etc., occur here in different surroundings. Six sayings are in perfect condition, but the new logia papyrus supplies more evidence of its origin than its predecessor, where it contains an introductory paragraph stating that what follows consists of "The words which Jesus the Living Lord spake" to two of his disciples, and, moreover, one of the uncanonical sayings is already extant in part, the conclusion of it, "He that wanders shall reign, and he that reigns shall rest," being quoted by Clement of Alexandria, from the Gospel according to Hebrews.

It is, indeed, possible that this Gospel was the source from which all this second series of the logia was derived, or all, or some, may have been taken from the Gospel according to the Egyptians, to which Prof. Harnack, of Berlin, and others, referred in speaking of the logia found in 1897. Messrs. Grenfell and Hunt, however, are disposed to regard both series as collections of sayings currently ascribed to the Lord, rather than extracts from any one uncanonical Gospel.

LOOKS LIKE WAR

A Big Gathering of Warships in China Waters.

Tien Tsin, China, June 30.—The local newspapers comment on the alleged significance of the gathering of the American, British and Japanese fleets in the northern part of the Gulf of Pe Chi Li. It is asserted that no less than 51 Russian warships of one sort and another are assembled at Port Arthur. The Japanese reserve officers, who were on leave in North China, are said to have been called home.

Wesleyan Celebration.

Boston, June 30.—The celebration of the 20th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, by the Methodists of the United States Conference, was continued yesterday, with Rev. A. Carmichael, of Toronto, and Rev. George Jackson, of Edinburgh, Scotland, among the leading speakers.

PANAMA CANAL MAY START WAR

Colombian Opponents of the Treaty Ready to Fight.

NOT BEEN FAIRLY TREATED

The Methods Utilized by Americans to Gain Their Ends Sharply Criticised.

London, June 30.—The Morning Advertiser publishes an authority this morning, a statement by the consul-general of Colombia concerning the situation between the United States and Colombia with regard to the Panama canal. The statement is as follows:

The signing of the Hay-Herran treaty by the Colombian minister in Washington had been the object of American pressure and intrigue for many months. Every effort has been made to prevent the opposition party, headed by Gen. Reyes, gaining sufficient power to defeat the passage of the bill, but Gen. Reyes is in possession of sufficient arms and men to proclaim a revolution and unseat President Marroquin. He does not desire that the United States should not complete the canal, but he does desire fair treatment. Gen. Reyes considers that the terms of payment are insufficient to fight to the end.

As another means of gaining their end for many months American agents have been at work in the spirit of revolt against Colombian control into the minds of the people of Panama, and today the people are ready to rise when called to do so by the American agitators and proclaim their independence. This will be done if Gen. Reyes, the vice-president of the republic, is successful in inducing Colombia to reclaim its independence with American arms and ammunition purchased with American money. Once again America will step in and assert the independence of a down-trodden people as she has done in the past to her own interest and benefit. Then the American Government will turn the canal, enforcing its own terms on the helpless people.

RAILROAD POLICY TO BE DECLARED

The Government Thought to Have Reached a Decision.

MAY FAVOR A NATIONAL ROAD

From Quebec to Winnipeg—Indications at Present Point in That Direction.

Ottawa, June 30.—Mr. Hays and Wainwright conferred this morning, and last night had a lengthy consultation with the Postmaster-General. As Sir William Mulock is said to strongly favor the Government building a line from Quebec to Winnipeg, it is most significant that he should be intrusted with the negotiations. The probability is that the Government and the representatives of the Grand Trunk are hoping that the Government will announce their intention of building the Quebec-Winnipeg section. The indications point very strongly in that direction, but the final exchange of views has not yet taken place. Until that has been done it cannot be said that a decision binding upon anybody has been reached. A report was in circulation today that the matter would be laid over until next session, but this probably originated from the fact that the negotiations have assumed considerable time, with apparently unimportant results, but in reality the negotiations have been a series of counter-proposals and have been put forward and discussed. The exchange of views has necessarily required several conferences, but there is reason to believe that the matter has almost reached its final stage, and that the public will soon know whether the principle of Government ownership is to prevail. At present the outlook in that regard is most promising.

MUTILATED BY TRAMPS

Boy Near Parry Sound May Die from Shocking Treatment.

Parry Sound, Ont., June 30.—A letter received from George Copeland, J. P., of Sprucefield, by Crown-Attorney Haught, states that yesterday while a deaf and dumb youth of 20 named Nodan, who lives near Fern Glen, a few miles south of Sprucefield, was after the cows he was set upon by two tramps, who after beating him severely, mutilated him with a knife in such a manner that the victim entertains no hope of his recovery. No arrests as yet have been made, the men having made off, supposedly in the direction of Parry Sound.

CHINA LOSES FAITH

Says American and Japan Cannot Cope with Russia.

London, June 30.—A Shanghai dispatch to the Times says the correspondent of a native journal there asserts that the Viceroy Yuan-Shai-Kai, Governor-General of Peking, is opposed to the opening to trade of places in Manchuria mentioned in the American and Japanese draft treaties on the ground that it would be useless and would complicate a difficult question at the instance of powers which failed to induce Russia to restore their own rights or the Chinese administration at the long-established treaty port of Newchwang.

Dust Your Carpets.

San Francisco, June 30.—The carpets of the adjusting rooms of the United States mint have been taken up and treated to a process for removing the gold dust. A bar of gold valued at \$300 is the result. The carpets were laid six years ago.

All New Stock Taken.

Philadelphia, June 30.—Official announcement was made by one of the executive officers of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, that the latest returns show that the \$75,000,000 of new stock has all been taken by the shareholders and that 90 per cent of it has been paid up in full.

BULGARIAN PREMIER DECLARES WAR WITH TURKEY IS CERTAIN

His Troubles Begin.

London, June 30.—The Times' correspondent at Belgrade telegraphs that the new Government should present itself to the chamber, but the Government declined to do so on the ground that the ministry was the same as that previously approved by the Skupstina. The Independent Radicals demand a dissolution and an immediate general election. The situation, concludes the correspondent, is not clear, and King Peter's troubles have apparently begun.

Shot For a Deer.

Sprucefield, Muskoka, June 30.—Sandy Reid was shot on Friday evening about dark by Col. Stewart, who mistook him for a deer. The accident took place about six miles south of Sprucefield, in the township of McMurrich. Reid, who is still living, is a farmer with a large family.

Remarkable Flow of Oil.

Santa Barbara, Cal., June 30.—An oil well in the northern part of this county came in last night. It proved one of the most remarkable wells yet discovered on the Pacific Coast, the first flow being at the rate of 40 barrels per minute. The oil shot 50 feet above the top of the derrick. The depth of the well is about 2,000 feet.

He Accuses the Sultan of Organizing the Massacre of Macedonians.

London, June 30.—The Belgrade correspondent of the Times, says M. Petroff, the Bulgarian Premier, has given an interview in which he declared that the Sultan of Turkey and the Bulgarian Government were both opposed to war, but the situation was worse than at any time since the delivery of the Turkish note last spring. Though most of the prisoners at Salonica had been released, 400 fresh arrests have been made and 3,000 refugees have arrived at Adrianople. The aim of the Turks, the Premier is reported as saying, is the deliberate extermination of the Bulgarians in Macedonia by methods scarcely short of massacre, and the high officials in Turkey are plotting the movement.

M. Petroff anticipates a war and expresses confidence that Bulgaria, had he says cannot mobilize in less than two months, whereas Bulgaria can mobilize an army of 200,000 men very quickly. It is possible, he thinks, that the Sultan, in order to avert a war, may make concessions, but he does so a catastrophe is imminent.